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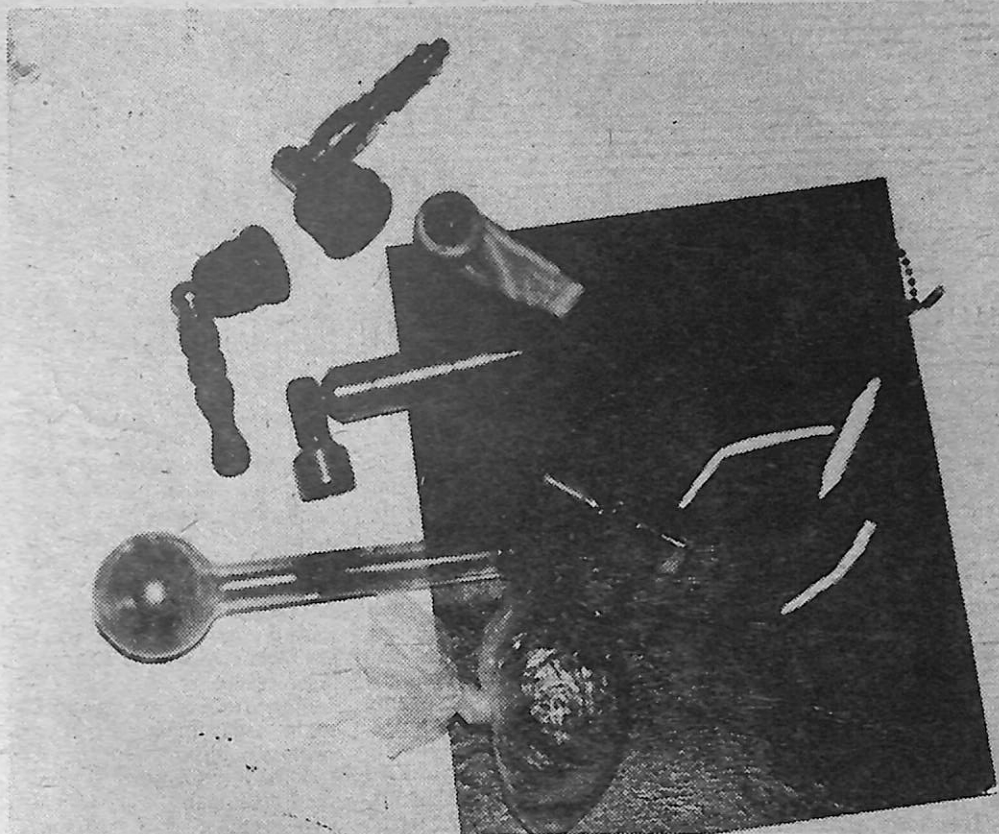
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Drug paraphernalia confiscated by an Agawam policeman in one morning in the Agawam High School parking lot. Items included pipes, roach clip, marijuana joints, water pipe, and a bag of marijuana seeds.

Policemen Receive Citations



Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski, Officer Norm Nardi, Rags, Sgt. Swikalaus, Officer France, and Town Council president Richard Theroux. photo by Jack Devine

Officers Norman Nardi, James France and Agawam's canine cop, Rags, were recently awarded citations for bravery.

The citations were received by the men, and dog, after a shooting incident in which

three people were shot and wounded.

The incident took place in December in front of the Silver Carriage Inn on Main Street. Officers Nardi and France and Rags, in a joint effort, disarmed and arrested

the suspect. The two officers talked the man into giving up his gun, and Rags insured that he did not make a move for his gun until the two officers subdued him.

Fontana Honored

Town Manager Peter Caputo recently awarded the Medal of Honor on behalf of the Town of Agawam to Firefighter Alfred "Junie" Fontana in a ceremony held at the town hall.

Fontana was cited for two specific instances of

meritorious service during off-duty hours. The first commendation came for Fontana's quick actions at the scene of a fire at the home of the George Rivers family, 764 North West Street, Feeding

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Kiwanis Scholarships

Jim McVey, president of the Kiwanis Club of West Springfield/Agawam announced today that Senior High School students of all public, private, and parochial high schools in West Springfield and Agawam are urged to check with their guidance counselors for information regarding the annual New England Kiwanis Scholarship Awards.

These scholarships provide second semester assistance for one year towards the tuition and other costs in a two year or four year college, business

The Agawam Connection

PART 1 The Drug Scene

by Gail Loncto

Parents and educators all over the country are concerned about the growing use of marijuana by our youth. Very few facts are known about the long-term effects of marijuana on the habitual user and their offspring. Yet marijuana use continues to increase and the age of a child's first experience with marijuana gets younger and younger.

There is no magic formula or guarantee that your child will not experience marijuana. Youth from broken homes and complete families smoke marijuana and those from both a strict and liberal upbringing as well.

Marijuana (pot, grass) is primarily used in the form of a loosely rolled cigarette, (joint, bone) although it may also be ingested. It can be smoked alone or "laced" with other narcotic substances, such as phencyclidine (PCP, angel dust) which increases its potency.

Marijuana is derived from the cannabis plant and prepared for use by drying the leaves and flowering tops of the plant to produce a tobacco like material. The ingredient in marijuana which produces the state of intoxication (high), believed to be delta-9-

tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC. This chemical is found nowhere else in nature. The greater the amount of THC the stronger the intoxication.

Marijuana produces a euphoric state of relaxation. It affects each person differently, but generally an increased sense of well being is produced, accompanied by increased sensory perception. Under the influence of marijuana, a person has a distorted sense of time. All of the senses are more vivid than normal, and subtle changes in thought and emotion are experienced. Stronger doses of marijuana can result in distorted body images and hallucinations. These effects disappear as the drug is eliminated from the body.

Hashish, (hash), is the resinous secretion of the flower of the cannabis plant which is richer in THC than the leaves or tops of flowers. It can be smoked or ingested jointly with marijuana. It produces a much stronger "high" and lasts considerably longer than plain marijuana.

Marijuana can be mixed with a multitude of drugs to produce stronger effects than those described above. A very common drug mixed with marijuana is alcohol.

Water pipes are filled with wine and marijuana is smoked through the pipe. Another common mixture is beer and marijuana. The effect is two fold, intoxication from the alcohol and the high produced by marijuana.

Marijuana can be "laced" with PCP, hashish, opium, and morphine. Just about any drug that is in powder or liquid form can be mixed with marijuana. Another common practice is to smoke "grass" after popping a few pills, (uppers, downers).

There is no actual physical addiction to marijuana, but a psychological dependency can result from habitual use. Medical research recently revealed some of the long-term physical effects of marijuana use. Outside of the obvious personality changes seen in the habitual user, physical changes within the body occur.

Chromosome damage has occurred in the long-term user of marijuana, posing a threat to the offspring of those that use marijuana. Hormone changes in women and abnormal sperm in men have been discovered in marijuana users. Also breathing

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Town Manager Peter Caputo, Ernest Dumont, and Dave Gallano (left to right). photo by Jack Devine

Dumont Cited For 'Outstanding' Service

Town Manager Peter Caputo presented Agawam's Assessor, Ernest Dumont, with the 'Manager's Award for 1979 for Outstanding Service.'

Caputo noted that while administrative employees are not often in the public eye, but yet deserve credit for a job

well done.

In citing Dumont, Caputo said that he was an "outstanding public employee and a credit to his community."

Mr. Dumont said that he was both surprised and honored by the award. He said, "I have always felt that we should be able to handle

people's problems on a full time basis. The town is a fantastic place - we are all part of a team effort." Dumont also added a note that should please the Agawam taxpayers when he said, "we are coming in with a good tax rate for the upcoming year."

University, University of Massachusetts, University of Connecticut, University of Maine, University of Vermont, Georgia Tech,

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday February 14

6:30 THE WORLD'S GREATEST
LOVER (PG-1:29)
8:00 WINTER CARNIVAL '79
9:30 Standing Room Only:
BARRY MANILOW
11:30 VALENTINO (R-2:08)

Thursday February 15

5:30 F.I.S.T. (PG-2:25)
8:00 THE BIG SLEEP (R-1:40)
10:00 On Location:
NORM CROSBY
11:00 College Basketball:
ARIZONA STATE AT UCLA
(Live)
1:00 MOVING VIOLATION
(PG-1:31)

Friday February 16

5:30 ESCAPE TO WITCH
MOUNTAIN (G-1:37)
7:30 WINTER CARNIVAL '79
9:00 PRETTY MAIDS ALL IN A
ROW (R-1:32)
10:30 ALEX & THE GYPSY
(R-1:39)
12:30 PRETTY MAIDS ALL IN A
ROW (R-1:32)

Saturday February 17

3:30 UP CLOSE
4:30 THE WORLD'S GREATEST
LOVER (PG-1:29)
6:00 THE SWARM (PG-1:56)
8:00 On Location:
EL GRANDE DE COCA COLA
9:00 UP CLOSE
10:00 Standing Room Only:
BARRY MANILOW
12:00 SMOKEY AND THE BANDIT
(PG-1:36)

Sunday February 18

2:30 WINTER CARNIVAL '79
4:00 THE MOUSE AND HIS CHILD
(G-1:23)
5:30 MOVING VIOLATION
(PG-1:31)
7:00 GYMNASTICS
8:00 HOUSE CALLS (PG-1:38)
10:00 VALENTINO (R-2:08)
12:15 THE MOUSE AND HIS CHILD
(G-1:23)

Monday February 19

6:00 SMOKEY AND THE BANDIT
(PG-1:36)
8:00 Standing Room Only:
BARRY MANILOW
10:00 EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS
WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT
SEX... (R-1:27)
11:30 UP CLOSE
12:30 PRETTY MAIDS ALL IN A ROW
(R-1:32)

Tuesday February 20

5:00 THE SWARM (PG-1:56)
7:00 GYMNASTICS
8:00 THE SWARM (PG-1:56)
10:00 ANNIE HALL (PG-1:33)
11:30 F.I.S.T. (PG-2:25)

Agawam Repertory Theatre to Present 'A Flea in Her Ear'

James J. Shenas, president of the Agawam Repertory Theater, has announced that ART will mount the largest production ever attempted by a community theater group in this area with its presentation of the fast-moving comedy/farce, *A Flea in Her Ear*, by French playwright George Feydeau at the Agawam Junior High School on March 30, 31 and April 6, 7.

"We chose this difficult and demanding show as a fit challenge for ART's capabilities," Shenas says, "in the assurance that we are one of the very few groups with the artistic ability to make it a success."

The choice of Agawam for the show's presentation he says was two-fold. The stage of the junior high school offers the space as well as the mechanical facilities required by the play's elaborate and technically-demanding set. Also, Shenas says, this return to Agawam after three seasons of Holyoke presentations "represents the hope that we can become an Agawam resident theater."

Agawam Town Manager Peter Caputo says that he is "pleased and delighted that the theater group is back in Agawam."

"I feel that this kind of cultural enrichment is needed in our area, and certainly ART is demonstrating that by coming here," Caputo says. "I fully support its efforts and am looking forward to its first production."

Shenas says the support of the town is essential for this major "first" with its high production costs. Presented last season to standing room only by the prestigious Hartford Stage Company, *A Flea in Her Ear* presented in Agawam, Shenas says, will be "equivalent to any New York show."

Set in Paris around the turn of the century, with a cast of 14, the play will star Gaylen Davis of Westfield and Eleanor Piccin of Agawam as Victor Emmanuel Chande-bise and his wife Raymonde.

Robert Sands of Agawam will play Victor Emmanuel's nephew, Camille Chaud, with Irene Scanlon and Dany Texeira of Agawam cast as Raymonde's best friend, Lucienne Homenides De

Histangua, and her husband Carlos.

Dr. Finache, friend of Victor Emmanuel and physician for the Boston Life Insurance Co., of which Victor is director, will be played by Charles Kelley of Westfield. Arnold Woods of Chicopee is cast as Romain Tournel, who is desperately in love with Victor Emmanuel's wife. Other members of the cast are from Chicopee, Holyoke, and Springfield.

Leading the production's professional staff as the play's director is Sarah Hayden of Lenox, whose directing career includes working with Shakespeare and Co., Berkshire Theater Festival, Wisconsin Touring Theater Company, and Smith College productions. ART has been fortunate also in obtaining the services of two Hartford Stage Company professionals, Jay Ferger as set designer and Bill Ballou as lighting designer.

In outlining ART's projected plans for becoming an Agawam resident company, Shenas says, "We are hoping to sponsor not only theater for adults, but also would like to work with children in a workshop theater."

He adds that ART has given several scholarships to Agawam young people who are furthering their education in theater. One of its goals is to increase its funds for these scholarship awards, which are presented annually.

Shenas explains that ART is a complete volunteer group, which means it must look to the support of the community in order to make a success of *A Flea in Her Ear* and the theater group's future in Agawam a reality.

To help with the costs of *A Flea in Her Ear*, ART board of directors will publish a program book with advertising space available to businesses and sponsors. ART members will be contacting prospective supporters beginning this week.

Anyone who is interested in further information about the program book may get in touch with Mrs. Dino Piccin, 18 Mulberry Street, Agawam, 01001.

Agawam Senior Center Wright Street

2/14: Pork choplets creole, lettuce, rice, banana.
2/15: Lentil soup, garlic bread, cottage cheese, apple pie
2/16: Fish squares, potato salad, peas, canned peaches.

2/19: Holiday
2/20: Pot roast, mashed potatoes, broccoli, pears
2/21: Barbequed chicken breast, shredded potatoes, bear salad, cake
2/22: Pepper steak, spanish rice, spinach, custard
2/23: Tuna patties w/ parsley sauce, carrots, fresh fruit

Next foot clinic with the nurses: February 15
Next foot clinic with Dr. Haynes: March 7
Next hypertension clinic: February 20

Welcome to My Welcome to My World

by Charles J. Duclos

On the second evening of its opening to the public, I took the time to visit our new library. From the moment of turning off Cooper Street into the parking lot, it was evident that Agawam has taken a step in the right direction by providing for our intellectual growth - now and in the future.

A library should be one of the major focal points of any community; ours does not have to take a backseat to any in the area.

A modern structure, designed to be eye-catching and appealing on the exterior, its spacious interior is colorful, orderly, and divided into two large segments. Separated by a lobby, which has access from the front and back ample parking areas, one large room faces the high school. This will eventually be used for community functions and library programs.

In the main cavity, one finds the space filled with the circulation desk, a Xerox machine, rows and rows of books neatly arranged under the Dewey Decimal System, comfortable furniture, and a section devoted to the latest magazines, newspapers, and periodicals.

One corner has been

developed into a young people's area, replete with cushions on the floor for the relaxing reader. Stuffed dolls sit like sentinels atop the bookcases and beckon the small fry into these comfortable surroundings and into the world of exploration through reading.

Art prints, reproductions of famous paintings, are on display, and they may be borrowed for a thirty-day period. These were a gift from the Agawam Center Library Association.

The staff, working with their usual quiet, dignified professionalism, were never too busy to answer inquiries from the many who visited that evening, while performing a variety of assigned tasks, such as checking out books, issuing new library cards, answering reference questions, explaining the hours of operation (Monday-Friday, 9-9; Saturday, 9-5), and other related matters.

Centrally located and reasonably accessible to all townspeople, this new facility will, I am sure, provide many years of valuable service, while at the same time, adding another touch of class to our suburban community.

Vacation Programs at Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is planning special programs during school vacation week of February 19-23.

Every day, Monday through Friday, the Laughing Brook staff will present a special live animal program at 2 p.m. to visitors at the 260-acre wildlife sanctuary. The programs are free to visitors paying regular sanctuary admission.

The sanctuary hosts numerous live animal exhibits featuring native New England wildlife, a special trail for the blind and visually handicapped, and over 4 miles of hiking trails.

Laughing Brook, the former home of children's author Thornton W. Burgess, is now in its eleventh year of operation. Future plans include the building of an environmental resource center, which is expected to begin this spring.

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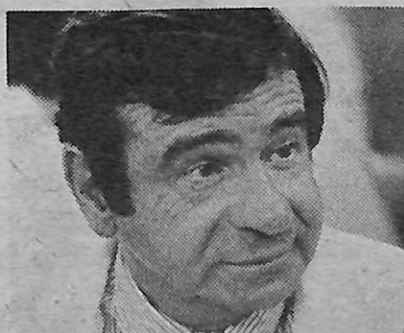
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Roger Proulx, manager of the Third National Bank Agawam branch, and treasurer of the Heart Fund, with Mrs. Kay Keefe, Heart Sunday Chairperson in Agawam. photo by Jack Devine.

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impairment and lung damage has been found. One marijuana cigarette is comparable to sixteen tobacco cigarettes in the damage that it can do to the lungs.

Lastly, is the potential brain damage that can occur from marijuana use. A study conducted recently revealed that the areas of the brain that are related to reactions and emotions can be indefinitely

impaired because of the accumulative effect of THC in the brain, even after one stops using marijuana. THC remains in the brain for an extended period, effecting thought and emotion.

Marijuana is a nationwide problem but how does it effect us in effect us in Agawam? In our schools, is marijuana use the rule or the exception? Is your son or daughter using

marijuana? Next week in Part 2 these questions and many others will be answered.

Agawam Democratic Town Committee

The Agawam Democratic Town Committee will meet Thursday, February 22 in the Community Room of the library at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Rudy Altobelli is pleased to announce that James Shaer, who was recently nominated to Who's Who in American Politics, will be the guest speaker. Jim will speak on the Mid-Term Democratic Convention which he attended last December. The public is invited to attend.

Also on the speaking agenda is Bill Bradley, who is administrative aide for Senator Tsongas in Western Massachusetts.

A special scholarship committee will be established to award two \$100 scholarships. Applications are available in the high school guidance office.

Also on the agenda, Amelio

Giordano will give a progress report on the Spring social, and a special committee will be formed to give special recognition to outstanding people in our community.

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Social

Fr. Huller to Speak to Catholic Women's Club

Monday, February 19, at 8:00 p.m. at St. John's parish center, Agawam, will be the time and place of the next meeting of the Agawam Catholic Women's Club's 40th anniversary year. Mrs. James Consolini will be presiding.

Mrs. Richard Gingras, chairperson for the month, will introduce as guest speaker our own chaplain and spiritual advisor, Fr. Karl Huller. Fr. Huller, the former superintendent of parochial

schools of the Springfield diocese, should be a very interesting speaker.

Mrs. James E. Doyle is in charge of hospitality and will be assisted by members of her committee—Mrs. Thomas McGovern, Miss Helen Lenihan, Mrs. Gerald Cleary, Mrs. Raymond Menard, Miss Debra Taupier, Mrs. Joseph Cancelliere, Mrs. James Taupier, Mrs. Albert Taupier, and Mrs. Irving Lafleur.

SPAN to Hold Fashion Show

On Thursday, February 15, SPAN Center will be having a day-long Beeline fashion show.

The Center will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and invites the public to stop by to see the Beeline products and place orders. Go in and start your spring wardrobe - buy your Easter outfit early.

Beeline carries an excellent quality of clothing for women, men, and children, and many will be on display. Delivery date for all items ordered will be March 30th.

All benefits from this fund-raising event will help the SPAN Center in renovating a play therapy room for children.

Jrs. To Hear Sr. Joyce Wise

Members of the Agawam Jr. Women's Club and women of the community will hear Sr. Joyce Wise speak on "Youth and Values" on Tuesday, February 27th at the Captain Leonard House on Main Street, Agawam. The class officers of the Agawam High School will be special guests for the evening.

Mrs. Diana Willard, current president of the club will open the business meeting at 8 p.m. with the scheduled program to follow at 9:15 p.m. A member of the Mass. State Federation of Women's Clubs, the Jr. Women's Club is a civic organization. All meetings are open to the public and new memberships are welcomed by the club members at anytime throughout the year.



Mrs. Donald Roger Parisien

Dori-Ann Chmielewski Becomes Bride of Donald Roger Parisien

Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, was the scene Saturday, February 10th of the marriage of Miss Dori-Ann Chmielewski to Mr. Donald Roger Parisien. Police Chief and Mrs. Stanley Chmielewski of 637 North Street, Feeding Hills are parents of the bride. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Parisien,

1116 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Father James Shea of Holy Family Church, East Lynn, Mass. officiated at the ceremony which was followed by a reception at Chez Josef, Agawam. An evening reception was also held at the Oak Ridge Country Club, Feeding Hills.

The bride is a graduate of

Agawam High School and Westfield State College. She is employed as a teacher's aide in the Agawam School system. The groom, also a graduate of Agawam High School is employed by Sarat Ford, Agawam.

Following a wedding trip to Daytona Beach, Florida, the couple will reside in West Springfield.

Community Grange Meeting

Community Grange will meet Tuesday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Grange Home on North West Street.

The Youth Committee, under the direction of Mrs. Joanne Annino and Miss Deborah Baruffaldi, are in charge of the program which will begin at 7:30.

The Music Campers will be our guests with Mrs. Margaret (Peg) Thompson

directing. They will entertain with choruses, solos, and instrumental music. Michael Annino, a member of our Junior Grange, is a member of this group and plays the drums.

The regular business meeting will follow the program with a social hour at the close of the meeting. Elizabeth and Pauline Sosnowich are co-chairpersons of the refreshment committee assisted by Debbie Baruffaldi.

Basketball Association Dance

The parents of the Boys Basketball Association of Agawam High School will sponsor a dance in the high school cafeteria on February 17, 1979 from 8 to 11 p.m.

The band entitled "The Beast" will provide music for dancing.

Tickets are \$1.50 each and proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund.

Refreshments will be available.

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Class of '29 Reunion

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Diane Elizabeth Bewes

Diane Bewes Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald A. Bewes of Agawam are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Elizabeth to Richard W. Thies Jr., also of Agawam.

Diane is currently attending school at Holyoke Community College and is

majoring in dietetics. She is also employed part time at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Agawam. Her fiancée is employed by Rainbows Inc. of Enfield, Conn.

A June 22 wedding is planned at the Church of Good Shepherd in West Springfield.

Holy Name Dorothy Warren Retires from Big E Dance Slated

The Holy Name Society of St. Anthony's Church, Agawam, will hold a Valentine's Day Dance and Smorgasbord on Saturday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall.

Tickets are \$4.50 and will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis as they are limited. They may be purchased from Holy Name Society members, from church ushers after masses, from the rectory, or from ticket chairman Louis Scherpa.

Other committee members are Mike DeLucci, co-chairman, Terry Letellier, Frank Gatti, and Al Dugan.

All-State Chorale Auditions Held

Three chorale students from Agawam High School auditioned for All-State Chorale on February 3 at Amherst Regional High School.

Recommended by Western Massachusetts District Chorus to the auditions were sophomore Todd Rovelli and senior Richard Thornton, both for the first time, and senior Karen Nascembeni for the second time.

According to their director, Mrs. Mary Callahan, the piece they auditioned with was *My True Love Hath My Heart* by Jean Berger.



Dorothy Warren of Agawam, 25 year veteran at Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, received a gold lifetime pass to the Big E on the occasion of her retirement party held by the staff in her honor at Storowtown Tavern.

Mrs. Warren's position at the time of her retirement was Executive Secretary to the present and general manager at the fair. Other responsibilities she has held over the years include directing Governor's Day activities, handling secretarial duties in the Industrial Arts Building

(now called the Better Living Center), and performing clerical duties in the Livestock Department. She and her husband Clint Warren reside on Albert Street in Agawam, and are parents of three daughters and seven grandchildren.

'Oldie's' Dance For Heart Fund

Southwick volunteers will again be sponsoring a "Fifties-Sixties Dance" to benefit the Western Massachusetts Division, American Heart Association.

This fun-filled event will be held on Saturday, February 17th at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion in South-

wick.

Back by popular demand will be Dee-Jay Bud Stone with all of his golden oldies. Tickets are \$4 each and may be purchased at the door or by contacting Mrs. Laura Robillard, 569-6198.

So put on your dancing shoes and be-bop down to the

Legion. You're not only guaranteed to have a great time, but you will also be contributing to the research and programs of the American Heart Association in its efforts to combat the nation's number one killer - heart disease.

Southwick Hockey Dance

Plans are under way for the Second Annual Hockey Dance to benefit the Southwick Hockey Association. The date is Friday evening, February 16, and local disc jockey Dick Boyle will be "spinning the platters."

The Association is hoping for as much success from this dance as they had last year.

The dance will be held at the Brass Rail on Point Grove Road from 8 - 12. Raffles will be run throughout the evening.

Admission is only \$2. Come one and all. Have fun and enjoy yourself.

Police Association To Present Country & Western Show

The Agawam Police Association will be sponsoring a spectacular Country & Western Show on Friday, March 30, 1979. Featured in the show will be the new up and coming John Conlee.

The show will be held at the Agawam Senior high School auditorium. There will be two performances, the first one at 7:00 p.m. and the second at 9:30 p.m.

The show is a benefit to help the Agawam Police Association raise money for the patrolman's general fund. The money raised through ticket and advertisement sales in the program book will all be greatly appreciated in their attempts to bring the General Fund back to good standing.

Group for Men Who Batter Mates at SPAN

The SPAN Center will be offering a group for men who batter their mates. The purpose of the group will be to offer men a chance to explore alternative ways of dealing with their anger and violent impulses.

The problem of violence being inflicted by men on their wives is not new, but the conscious recognition of it as a major social problem is new. Although there has been some emergence of groups and agencies to support women

who are victimized by male violence, there are almost no services available for battering men. This group will be the first of its kind in the valley.

The group will meet on Monday evenings from 8-9:30 and will run for 10 weeks. The group leader is Joe Gorin.

All inquiries will be confidential and can be made through SPAN Center, 786-6410.

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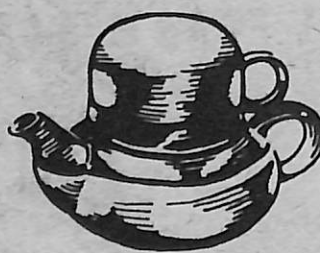
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Troop 77 is pictured above. From left to right, front row: John Breton, Ron Maniscalco, Antonio Trollo, Mike Kulik, Kevin Atkinson, Eddie LaCombe, and Kevin Weber. Second row: Dave Ross, Doug Allen, Billy Landry, Anthony Antico, Andrew Paul, Juan Kulik, John McCarthy, and Matt DuPont. Back row: Jim Breton, Paul Balboni, Jerry MacFadden, Bruno Antico, David Allen, Jay Davis, Eric King, and David Atkinson. photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Women's Club Meets

The next meeting of the Agawam Women's Club will be held on Monday evening, February 26th at the Captain Leonard House, Main Street, at 8:00 p.m. Alice Lawrence of Palmer, Goodell, Keeney, Preston, & Olmstead, will speak on "Contingency Day Planning for Women."

Special music will be provided by Miss Carol Boucher, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Boucher Jr. who will play a group of flute solos. Carol is a member of the Agawam High School

Band, first desk, and she was recently chosen for the Regional High School Band by the Music Educators of Western Massachusetts. This is her first season, also, as a member of the Young People's Symphony Orchestra. She has studied flute under Harvey LaRose and Aran Bedrossian.

Mrs. Raymond Orr is in charge of hospitality.

Any ladies interested in joining the club are welcome.

Troop 77 Banquet

Troop 77 from St. John the Evangelist Church celebrated Boy Scout Sunday on February 4 with a banquet held at the parish social center.

The boys were awarded merit badges and skill awards that they have earned. Most notable were the Eagle presentations to Bruno D. Antico III and David C.

Atkinson. Eagle is the highest award a boy scout can earn.

David and Bruno have attended Troop Leader Development training courses and have earned the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII religious awards in addition to the 24 merit badges required to attain the rank of Eagle Scout.

Lewis Blanchette Attends Music Festival

Southwick: Lewis Blanchette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Blanchette, Southwick, attended the All Eastern Music Festival in Atlantic City, New Jersey, from February 9-12.

Lewis represented the State of Massachusetts and the Town of Southwick in the All Eastern Chorus. He has represented Southwick in four previous District and All State Music Festivals. He is active in the High School choir, Crescendos and holds First Trombone in the Band. Lewis also enjoys Stage Band and is a member of the Springfield Symphony Chorus. His future plans involve a college major in chemistry and physics.

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Proud parents and the Pioneer Valley Council advancement chairman pose with Boy Scout Troop 77's new Eagle scouts. Mr. and Mrs. Bruno D. Antico, Jr. pose with son Bruno D. on left, while Mr. and Mrs. Richard Atkinson stand with their son David. Mr. Richard Gingras, center, presented the awards. photo by Jack Devine.

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Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is sponsoring an evening workshop for families interested in building bluebird

houses on Friday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Staff member Joe Choiniere will aid children and

adults in constructing handmade wooden boxes that have been pre-cut to exact specifications. Only houses with specific requirements will attract the birds. Information on bluebirds and how to set up the house will be explained.

New England bluebirds have seen a dramatic decline in numbers in the past twenty years. Their population in the eastern U.S. plummeted during the winter of 1957-58 when they encountered cold and icy conditions during migration and on their wintering grounds. Exotic birds like house sparrows and use of insecticides have added their toll to bluebird numbers as well.

The Bluebird House Workshop is open to the public and a registration fee is charged. Reservations can be made by calling Laughing Brook any day at 566-3571.

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Registration is now in progress for preparation for childbirth day classes scheduled to begin February 27 from 10 a.m. to noon. Each class meets once a week for seven weeks.

These classes are for any expectant parents and expectant single parents who will be delivering at any of our local hospitals.

Classes are taught by certified instructors and include films, hospital tour, exercises, and training for labor and delivery.

Registration is also in progress for evening classes. For registration and information, call the Childbirth Education Association at 533-1004.

Our girl on the street asked:

"This is the Agawam Advertiser/News' 1st Anniversary. Do you have any suggestions to help us in the next year or do you like the paper the way it is?"

by Gail Loneto



Richard Gray
"I like it because it has a lot of school activities and sports. I like it just the way it is."

Alfred Riccatelli
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"I think it's very good, it covers about everything."

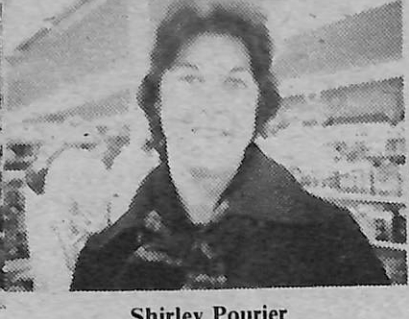
Pat Herd
Feeding Hills

"I think it's a very good newspaper. It keeps you up to date on all the local news."



Marama Breuninger
"I think it's an informative paper; it keeps people in town aware of what's going on. I think you're letting people know of the activities in town which there would be no other way to find about about."

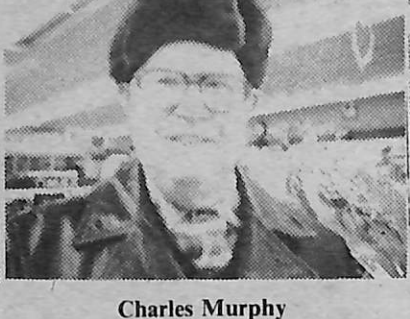
Mark Whittier
"I like it. It explains questions and issues that the residents in Agawam are concerned about. It's a good little newspaper; I'm very pleased with it."



Shirley Pourier
"I love the paper. I have four children in school and my daughter was just in for gymnastics. It's very good."

Pat Brown
Feeding Hills

"I think it's a very good newspaper."



Charles Murphy
"It's a very interesting paper with a lot of local news in it. I don't think you need to change it at all. I enjoy it very much that's why I'm going to subscribe to it." (ed. note: Mr. Murphy subscribed within an hour of making this statement.)

Alice Whitman
Agawam

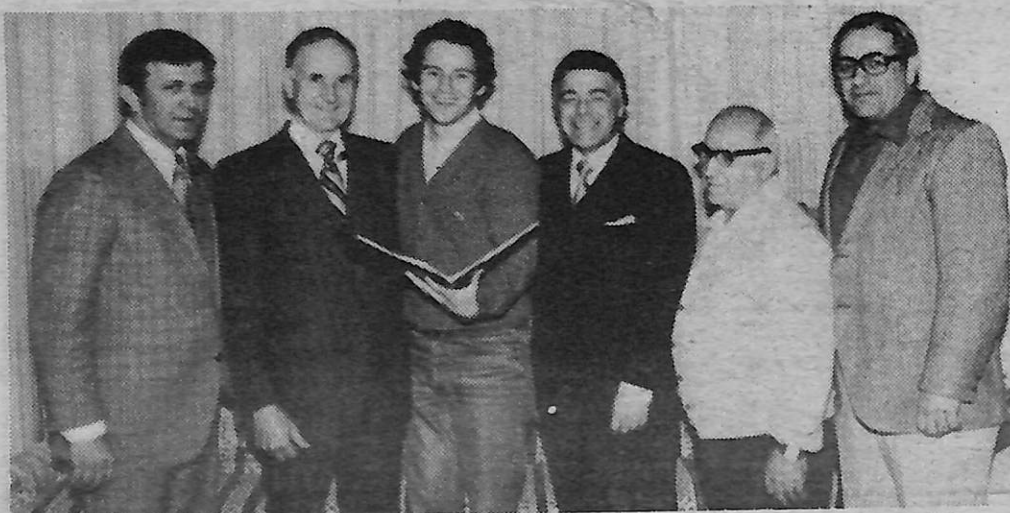
"I like the newspaper very much. You don't get the local news in the Springfield paper that you get in our paper."



Mrs. Louis DeChristopher
"I think it's very informative of things going on in our town, and I do enjoy reading it. In fact, I'm thinking of subscribing to it. It's just perfect the way it is."

Barbara Rivers
Agawam

"I enjoy the paper very much. I subscribe to it and I get it every week. I'm very happy with it just the way it is."



Members of the Ed Connelly tribute dinner committee are pictured above. From left: Anthony Saracino, Ernest Swanson, Richard Theroux, Vincent Caroleo, Frank Chriscola, and Joseph Dahdah. photo by Jack Devine

'Tribute to Ed Connelly' Dinner Slated

Friends and supporters of Rep. Edward W. Connelly, (R-Agawam) have joined together to hold a "Tribute to Ed Connelly" dinner.

Rep. Connelly has recently been appointed to a major leadership role in the Massachusetts Legislature.

Governor Edward J. King will head the list of notables invited to attend. The affair will be held Thursday evening, March 8th, at Chez Josef on Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Dinner will be at 7:30 preceded by a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m.

Other notable invited guests include: Mr. Thomas W. McGee, Speaker of the Mass. House; Mayor Theodore E. Dimauro, Springfield; Congressman Silvio O. Conte; Sheriff Michael Ashe; Mr. Stephen A. Moynahan, Chairman of the Hampden County

Commissioners; and Congressman Edward P. Boland. Also present will be District Attorney Matthew J. Ryan, Jr.; Rev. Floyd C. Bryan; Senator Alan D. Sisitsky; Rep. William G. Robinson Minority Leader, Mass. House of Representatives; Rev. Father James Shea; Mr. Vincent R. Caroleo, toastmaster; Mr. Peter Caputo, Agawam Town Manager; and Mr. Richard Theroux, President of the Agawam Town Council.

The committee organizing the dinner is headed by general chairmen Richard Theroux and Ernest Swanson. Other committee members include Ruth Zucco, Joseph Dahdah, Andrew Gallano, Anthony Saracino, Frank Locke, Frank Chriscola, Gerald Mason, Marian White, Charles

Marquis, Richard Brindle, and Al Bellano. Also, Chief Stanley Chmielewski, Vincent Caroleo, Gerald Mason, Kenneth Barnes, Leon Charkoudian, and John Beltrandi.

Agawam Jrs. Bake Sale 'Tribute to Ed

Mrs. Charlotte Venturini, Public Affairs Chairperson for the Agawam Junior Women's Club, announced that a bake sale will be held at the Agawam Food Mart on Saturday, February 17th. Proceeds will support the renovation of the women's facility at the Center for Alcoholism Services of Greater Springfield, Inc., 77 Maple Street.

Clubwomen recently donated three cartons of linens and household items and a TV set for the women's halfway house and appropriated \$50 from their treasury to help the center continue its valuable work.

All citizens of Agawam and Feeding Hills are urged by the club to support this bake sale and the rehabilitation activities of the women's division.

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Editorials



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Congratulations on your first year of excellent publication! Your coverage is the best Agawam has ever enjoyed! I am happy to subscribe to your newspaper and wish you continued success.

I am a verbal supporter and promoter for your paper! Sincerely,

Jean M. Clifford

To the Editor:

After seeing the Riverview Market building burning, I have my doubts about the Town Manager's decision to close the Ottawa Street Fire Station.

Men from that now-closed station could have walked to that fire and gotten there sooner! As it turned out, our firefighters lost time getting there, lost time trying to get water, and lost time because the fire squad was short by at least two men. Thank God the man from the market got the elderly woman out of the inferno; thank God West Springfield was so prompt; and thank God that there was not a train stretched across those tracks at Strathmore.

I live in a very old building in North Agawam surrounded by businesses and stores, and I actually believe that the Westfield Street (West Springfield) Fire Station could get to this area faster than either of our own Agawam stations. It's too bad that a town that is as taxed as Agawam has to depend on the next town to fight our fires in certain areas.

And pray tell - what did Agawam save by closing the Ottawa Street station? The building is still being used for storage and I would imagine it is still being heated and the electricity is still on. So where's the savings? It takes both other stations longer to get to our area, and if firemen can't save lives and buildings, what difference does it make what else the town saves?

I think that all of North Agawam ought to install smoke detectors in their homes, hang a fire extinguisher in a convenient place, and pray that West Springfield gets to us on time. The only other alternative is to force the re-opening of the Ottawa Street Fire Station.

What do you say, residents of North Agawam? Will you sleep soundly tonight or will you try to untie the hands of good firemen trying to do a good job in a town that won't let them!

D. A. Provost
North Agawam resident

To the Editor:

In the January 30th edition of your newspaper, you presented: Some Facts, The Race Track Proposal. Please allow me to comment on these facts, as no one apparently did. The only letter to the editor, February 6th edition, was on the Iranian situation. While I sympathize with their plight, I am far more concerned with what's happening in Agawam.

The beginning of your article says: "Town Manager Peter Caputo met last week with Mr. John E. O'Neill, a realtor from Boston, and Mr. Edward J. Ryan of South Hadley."

Most of us are familiar with the two promoters since we

have read of their tireless efforts to put the racing dates they have in their pockets in numerous locations, including Agawam two years ago.

Promoters operate much the same way as politicians do. They promise you a lot of benefits if you will just let them in, but don't try to collect once they get in; you can't.

The proposal says they will offer, not give, our residents 240 jobs. It also says they will bring with them 60 absolutely childless employees who won't use our school system.

The proposal says they will do us a favor by paying their own utilities, security, traffic, firemen, and trash. We citizens all pay our own utilities, and our tax dollars pay our police for security and traffic, our firemen and trash collectors.

They say they will provide parking and keep their race track aesthetically pleasing. We all provide our own parking and try to keep our homes aesthetically pleasing.

The proposal says they will give us tax dollars. History could very well repeat itself. The last race track in Agawam left town without paying their tax dollars.

The proposal says there will be a good effect on the local economy. Everyone who has visited a race track knows they all have a dining room, lunch counters, and bars. Most people, except for gangsters, are broke when they leave a race track. They have already eaten and some are already drunk. If any of these has any money to try again the next day, they will use the motels in West Springfield, a town which had the courage to tell these same promoters, "No, you can't put your race track here."

At the end of your article on the facts, you also included the date February 5th as the date of the Town Council meeting when consideration would be given to the race track proposal. You wouldn't like to believe very few people read your newspaper, and I wouldn't like to believe very few people care whether there is a race track in Agawam, but not many showed up at the meeting, and most of these were there because of the Civil Service issue.

This meeting was the scene of a rather sad incident. One of our former town council members had his microphone cut off and was escorted out of the meeting by a policeman.

I don't know this former council member or whether what he shouted so long and loud was the truth, but he lost the floor. He was on the Town Council two years ago when the promoters of Pioneer Valley Raceway, Inc., came here. Perhaps he should have studied their method; they quietly lied and were able to keep the floor.

If someone were to combine truth with quietness, will anyone listen? I am trying that theory out in this letter. If any of you consider this devious, remember I learned it at the Town Council meeting.

Please fight; there is still time.

A Caring Resident,
Mary E. Ghedi

To the Editor:

Here are some facts and figures that will hopefully

From The State House

by Rep. Edward Connelly
BINDING ARBITRATION...

Many people argue that binding arbitration has cost the cities and towns enormous amounts of unnecessary dollars. They also argue that it is pro-union. Statistics show that in the early days of binding arbitration, the unions did win most of the time. In recent years, however, municipalities have approached collective bargaining more professionally and are winning a fair share of the arbitrations.

Unquestionably, binding arbitration and collective bargaining have cost the cities and towns a lot of money. But in these times of high inflation, cities and towns must pay high wages to attract and retain qualified and dedicated police and fire personnel. Whether the collective bargaining agreements reached through the joint labor/management committee and the binding arbitration process is more expensive than these conditions require is a question no one can answer.

The binding arbitration law and the joint labor/management committee law have the same advantages and disadvantages for the cities and towns and for the police and fire personnel - provided both sides approach collective bargaining in a professional and sensible way.

Do We Need It?

Collective bargaining between cities and towns and their police and firefighters often fails to produce an agreement. When this happens, the parties may go to arbitration voluntarily. If the municipality refuses arbitration, police and firefighters would have no lawful method of forcing the issue. The alternative then would be to strike.

Striking police and fire personnel would leave the town without many important protective services: firefighting, special rescue services, emergency gas, water and electric help, traffic control, criminal investigations and arrests, protective police patrols and emergency medical services.

Binding arbitration and joint labor/management committee prevent the loss of these services. They do so by providing a mechanism that resolves collective bargaining disputes, that gets an agreement into operation and that returns valuable services to the public.

DRINKING AGE

Recent statistics indicate that by age 18 an individual has not reached a maturity level capable of judging the effects of alcohol on themselves and others.

Massachusetts teenage auto fatalities, since lowering the drinking age to 18, have risen to 105 percent. About 45 percent of fatal accidents involving drunk drivers have been caused by those between the ages of 16 and 21 years. Statistics also show that the abuse of teenage drinking is not confined to auto deaths, but that the increase of vandalism, car theft, and civil disturbances are directly related to teenage drinking.

I believe that the increase in the drinking age should be phased in with the legal age raised to 19 in March, 1979, to 20 in 1980 and finally to 21 in March of 1981. The reason for the phase-in is that it would not effect the people who are now eligible to consume alcohol now will it effect the livelihood of the people who are now employed in places where liquor is sold.

open the eyes of the townspeople who oppose the idea of a race track in Agawam.

In 1977 and 1978, the combined racing and gambling facilities in the state of Connecticut took in the following revenue:

Total handled:
1977 - \$348,252,936
1978 - \$324,337,736

State's Share:
1977 - \$21,929,487
1978 - \$20,790,219

Association's Share:
1977 - \$38,060,403
1978 - \$35,541,960

And Most Important
Town's Share:
1977 - \$1,994,820
1978 - \$2,750,933

These figures are directly from the Connecticut Commission on Special Revenue, 1290 Silas Dean Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109. Clearly, this revenue aided the towns in which the facilities are located.

Also, from 1977 to 1978 even though the total handled was less, the State and the Association received less, however, the towns received more.

Another point of the opposed is that "they were here when there was a race track before in Agawam, and it attracted nothing but riffraff and numerous problems."

First of all, everything is not exactly as it was before.

The times have changed, and I am sure that our town has advanced enough to handle the problems, if any, that may arise. It seems as though those who oppose this race track are looking at the negative aspects rather than the positive.

Finally, it will create jobs, enhance local businesses, and most important, this race track will bring in revenue to lower the increasing rates and taxes in this town. If something or someone does not lower our increases, the burden will, of course, fall on the taxpayer. Keeping that in mind, I cannot understand why some of our townspeople are opposed to this facility, and hopefully, they will urge their councilmen to vote in favor of this proposed raceway.

Concerned Citizen

To the Editor:

Leon and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the exceptional coverage of our proposed Feeding Hills Commons, Business Park.

The release as written up by you will be our major marketing tool as we travel around the country to get businesses to locate in our Park. There is no way that we could improve on the exceptional job that you have done, and we thank you for your interest in our proposal.

Sincerely,
John J. Beltrandi
Leon Charkoudian

From The Editors Desk



There have been several news items in large national papers this past week concerning the upcoming gas shortage and probable rationing of the same. With the threat of a limited gas supply at an almost prohibitive price, it is time that we in Agawam begin to realize that we can no longer afford to live in a 'bedroom' community where we eat, sleep, and send our kids to school, but that we leave each morning to drive 5, 10, 50 miles to work and back.

The residents of Agawam must realize that we are a community composed mainly of working middle class people - not desperately poor, but by no means independently wealthy. We are not all doctors, lawyers, engineers and high paid professionals who can afford, in fact need, a high property tax rate. They need the write-off, personally, I need the money.

We have before us now a proposed development that will not only provide jobs and increase the tax base, but will bring a number of much needed services, i.e. medical facility, shopping mall, recreation center, within a short driving distance - walking distance for some of us. I for one can't think of a better addition to our community than the proposed Feeding Hills Common, Business Park.

Legal Notice

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage given by LAWRENCE G. PARO of Feeding Hills, Hampden County, Massachusetts, dated January 9, 1978, and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 4538, Page 289, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, there will be sold at public auction at nine o'clock a.m. on Thursday, March 8, 1979, on Lot 1 of the premises hereinafter described, all and singular the premises conveyed by said mortgage, said premises being therein described substantially as follows, to wit:

"a certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in AGAWAM, Hampden County, Massachusetts, being known and designated as Lots 1 (one), 2 (two), 3 (three) and 4 (four) all as shown on a plan entitled "Plan Of Lots North Westfield Street Agawam, Mass. For Frank Solitario Main Street Agawam, Mass." and to be recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said Lots.

SUBJECT TO restrictions of record, to the extent any are in force and applicable.

SUBJECT TO easement rights of Western Massachusetts Electric Company as successor in interest to Turners Falls Power and Electric Company under instrument dated June 11, 1917 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 979, Page 367, and as confirmed in instrument dated August 1, 1960, and recorded as aforesaid in Book 2759, Page 472.

SUBJECT TO rights granted Western Massachusetts Electric Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company dated June 30, 1967, and recorded as aforesaid in Book 3269, Page 196.

Being the same premises conveyed to the mortgagor herein by deed of Frank J. Solitario, which deed is to be recorded herewith in Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

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Said Lot 17 (seventeen) is subject to a twenty (20) foot storm drain as shown on said plan.

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Liquor Licensing

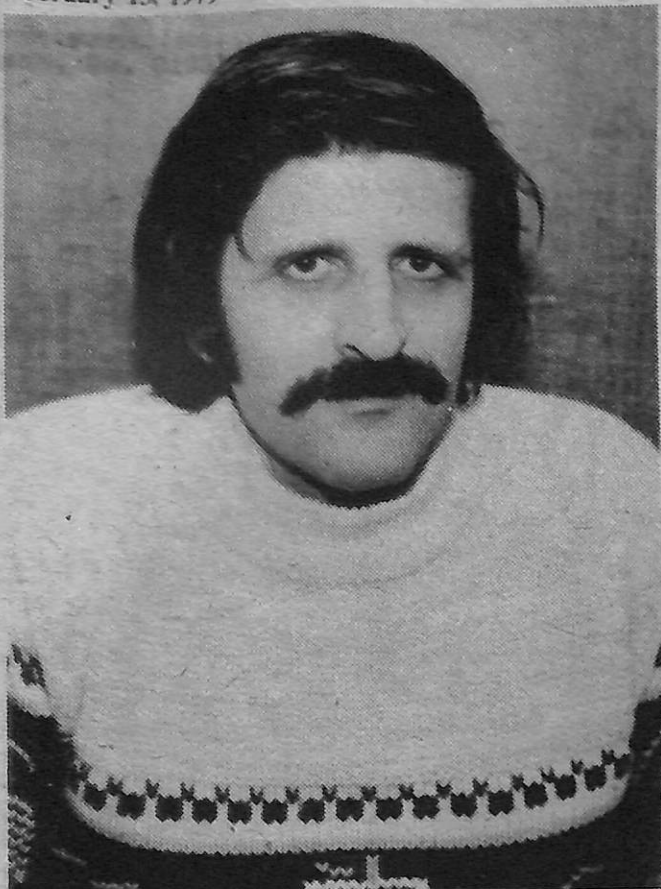
Commission

The Town of Agawam Liquor Licensing Commission will meet on Wednesday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Administration Building, 36 Main Street.

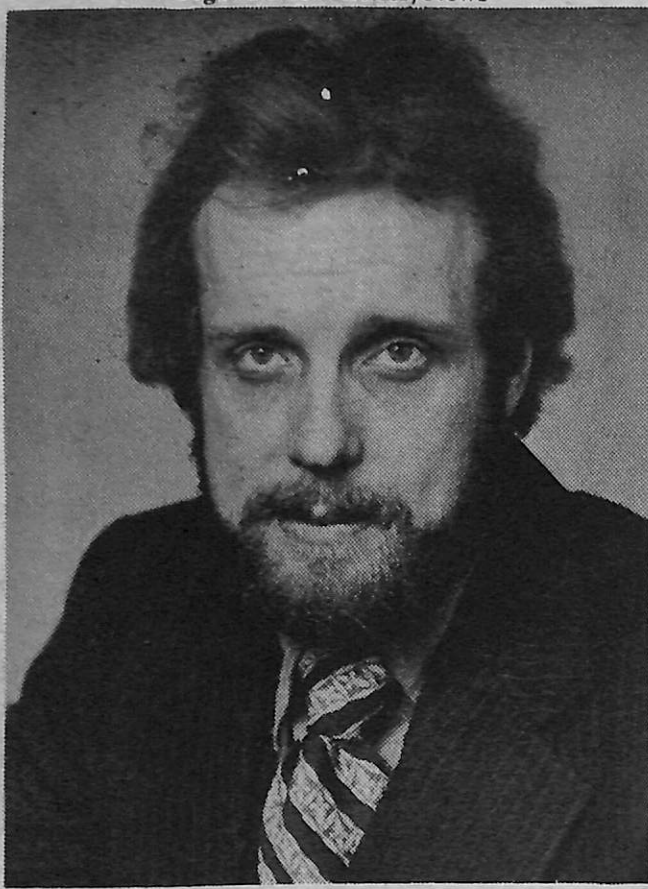
On the agenda will be two public hearings, one for a transfer of license for Twin Oaks, Inc., and the other for a transfer of location, 430 Package Store.

PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will meet on Thursday, February 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Administration Building Hearing Room, 36 Main Street, Agawam.



Dr. Peter J. Polito



Robert J. Bergquist

Two Promoted at Springfield College

The Springfield College Board of Trustees has approved promotion of eight members of the Springfield Coaching faculty to associate professorships within their respective disciplines according to the SC academic dean, Dr. Paul U. Congdon. The appointments will become effective September 1, 1979.

Robert J. Bergquist, 244 Regency Park Drive,

Agawam, and Dr. Peter J. Polito, 511 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, are among the faculty granted promotions by the trustees.

Bergquist received a B.S. degree from Springfield College in 1969, and an M.P.E. degree from SC in 1970. He was awarded a certificate in physical therapy from the University of Pennsylvania in 1971.

Bergquist, who joined the SC faculty in 1971, will work as associate professor of physical education.

Dr. Polito was awarded an A.B. degree from Northeastern University in 1965 and an M.S. degree in 1967. He received a Ph.D. from Northeastern in 1971. Dr. Polito, a member of the SC faculty since 1970, will serve as associate professor in

physics.

The SC trustees also approved the promotion of Dr. H. Joseph Scheuchenzuber, Longmeadow; Jonia T. Whiting, Springfield; Dr. Jonathan S. Kahane, Easthampton; Valerie Olmstead, Monson; Dr. Young H. Rhie, Wilbraham; and Dr. Frank J. Torre, Springfield.



Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

Yet another predator has been spotted haunting my feeder this winter. The Northern Shrike I spotted in December has been nearby for weeks now putting in frequent appearances.

To add to the woe of the smaller birds has been the arrival of another enemy, the Sharp-shinned Hawk. I first spotted this species as it dived down towards the narrow steam running by the house. He then perched in a nearby tree and began preening himself. His privacy was complete; there was a conspicuous lack of any other bird in the area. In the bright sun, he was easy to identify as an immature male Sharp-shinned hawk.

These hawks are fairly common throughout North America. They are accipiters, which means they feed on small birds (up to pigeon size) and small mammals. They are similar to the Cooper's hawk, which is larger and less common. Both are found in woodlands and wood margins.

The Sharp-shinned Hawk is the smallest of the accipiters and migrates during all daylight hours. Its flight is one of short wing beats interrupted by periods of

gliding. In this species, the female is larger than the male, which averages a length of about ten and a half inches at maturity. Their wing span measures about twenty-one inches.

The hawk has short wings and a long tail, which in the Sharp-shinned Hawk is blunt and straight across at the end. The tailfeathers are banded with stripes of tan and grey, which are very apparent when the tail is fanned.

The eyes are yellow and the beak is sharply hooked. The immature such as I saw was brown rather than the adult grey and had faint, rust-colored vertical stripes on the white chest. The adult's stripes are horizontal.

The Sharp-shinned Hawk shuns civilization and prefers to breed in less settled areas such as deep in a coniferous forest. The nest is a well-made platform of twigs concealed in a dense conifer. There may be four brown-blotched eggs in a clutch.

I was glad to spot the hawk and also glad when it decided to move along after its bath. This year's scarcity of birds is disappointing enough without having the ones that do visit constantly endangered.

Jrs. Work for Reyes Syndrome Awareness

Mrs. Diana Willard, president of the Agawam Jr. Women's Club, has announced that the club is cooperating with the International Year of the Child Symposium on the newly discovered Reyes Syndrome disorder.

This disorder can affect any child. It usually follows a viral disease, and the median age of susceptibility is 8 years old, although it has been found in adults of 23 years as well. It can result in a variety of neurological disorders including blindness and death. A great deal of research is being done right now to

clear up some of the questions about its origin and cause.

Some major breakthroughs have occurred recently in Canada where the International Medical Symposium last spring released information that they are following some strong leads into the connection between viral childhood disease, contact with environmental chemicals and the onset of Reyes Syndrome. One booklet available in this country on the subject is "Models of Chemicals and Virus Interaction and their Relation to a Multiple Etiology of Rey's Syndrome" by J.

Dennis Pollack.

The Agawam Juniors will be sending in a group order for bumper stickers and informational posters (concerning symptoms) in the month of March. The stickers read, "If you love children - learn about Reyes Syndrome - It can be deadly."

The cost is 25 cents to cover

mailing and handling costs.

Anyone wishing to order a bumper sticker or the aforementioned booklet may write to the National Reyes Syndrome Foundation, 8293 Homestead Road, Benzonia, Michigan 49616.

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Jr. Women Recruiting

The Agawam Juniors are looking for good women between the ages of 18 and 35 to join in their activities. They have art projects, charity projects, educational activities, public affairs functions, and, more importantly, they have fun doing them!

It's not hard getting to know them. Most of them are new at what they're doing, but they are trying. They support each other and are growing together.

Some of the activities scheduled for the coming weeks include the following:

Feb. 10 - Dinner Dance at Silver Carriage Inn
Feb. 12 - *How to Say No to a Rapist* filmstrip and discussion at Charlotte Venturini's, 231 Adams St.

Feb. 17 - Bake Sale to support Women's Division of Alcoholism Services of Greater Springfield, Inc. at the Agawam Food Mart

Feb-March - Paper drive to support Laughing Brook - "Grey is Beautiful" campaign begins

Feb. 27 - Sr. Joyce Wise to speak on "Youth and Values" at regular club meeting at Capt. Leonard House; High school class officers to be special guests

March - Easter theme bread dough workshop at home of Laurel Malerba

March 20 - Dr. Sam Femiano from SPAN Center to speak on assertiveness training at regular club meeting

March - Tours of library facilities conducted by club members

Mar. 30, 31 - Receptions conducted by clubwomen for scholarship and charity benefit at the A.R.T. production of *A Flea in her Ear* at Aga. Jr. High School

April - Preparation for Fifth Annual Arts and Crafts Fair to be held along Main Street

on June 9 & 10; Also Art Auction

April 17 - Banquet and installation of new officers

It sounds interesting, doesn't it? Do you have some ideas or suggestions to add? Would you like to know more? Give Mrs. Barbara O'Connor a call at 786-6772.

She'd love to hear from you! Do it for yourself today - be all that you can be!

Fontana Honored...

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Hills, when he rushed to evacuate these neighbors of his and then returned to do what he could until fire department equipment arrived.

The second commendation came for Fontana's efficient administering of cardio-

pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to a heart attack victim in a restaurant in Spencer, Massachusetts, where he had gone to attend a horse show.

The Medal of Honor is the highest award that can be presented by the town, according to Caputo.



The annual meeting of the Agawam Town Employees' Federal Credit Union was held on Saturday, January 27 at the Springfield Turn-Verein. Left to right, Donald Curran, Charles Kistner, David D'Antonio, David Ladizki, Beverly Malone, John Porter, John Devine, and Richard Orr.

Brownie Troop No. 550 held investiture on Thursday, February 8th at Phelps School, where the troop meets.

Being invested into the troop were Melissa Blackburn, Kerry Byrne, Robin Chaloux, Meggan Martin, Barbara Murphy, Kelly Pellegrino, Michele Presko, Christine Schoenborn, Karen Stuart, and Jennifer Towne.

Troop members helping in the ceremony were Maureen Ciempa, Michelle Dubian, Lisa Henry, Linda Herbert, Cynthia Lind, Tammy Renaudette, and Jennifer Quaglino.

Troop co-leaders are Karen Herbert and JoAnn Lind.



Brownies from Phelps School are from left to right, front row: Meggan Martin, Robin Chaloux, Christine Schoenborn, Jennifer Towne, Michele Presko, Karen Stuart, and Kerry Byrne. Second row, same order: Cindy Lind, Barbara Murphy, Maureen Ciempa, Michelle Dubian, Melissa Blackburn, Kelly Pellegrino, Lisa Henry, Linda Herbert, and Jennifer Quaglino. photo by Jack Devine

Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



There is a family of house plants that we are all familiar with and probably don't realize the ease with which they can be grown by anyone who tries. This family of plants contains somewhere between 300 to 400 species. I speak of the gesneriad family, and our beloved African Violet is a member of this large group.

In 1892, a young German named Baron Walter von Saint Paul-Illaire was stationed in Africa when he decided to take a trip to the mountains. There he came upon an unusual plant. He sent some seeds to his father who grew them and, in honor of his son, named the new genus Saintpaulus.

The first species of the African Violet was the saintpaulus ionantha. Many other species have been discovered in the wild, but most of those grown in people's homes today are

cultivars of that first species.

There are three basic groups of gesneriads, and these are classified by their root structure alone. These basic groups are then broken down into many, many types.

The first of the three groups is tuberous gesneriad, one of which is the gloxinia. These plants have a dormant period in which they will dispose of some or all of their foliage. New growth then appears and is followed by flowers.

The second group is rhizomatous gesneriad, which has a type of dormant period, but does not go through such a complete loss of foliage and vigor as the tuberous does.

The third group is the type we know best, the fibrous-rooted gesneriad. This group contains the African violet, columnea, episcia, nematanthus, and streptocarpus.

Let me tell you a little about growing the fibrous-rooted group. They tend to be demanding only in their requirements for light and humidity. Plants should be placed in an east or west window so they don't receive too much direct light. During the winter, they should be moved to a southern exposure so that they get enough light to continue blossoming.

If plants become leggy, they aren't getting enough light. If they seem to droop or hug the pot, they are getting too much light or sun. These plants also respond very well to artificial light.

Keep your plants on a pebble tray filled with water to keep the air around them as humid as possible. They like a moist soil, but they do not like soggy feet. Use a porous soil with good drainage qualities.

Your African violet friend has to be fed on a regular basis for it to want to bloom. There are two ways to feed it. The first is to use a soluble fertilizer, diluted to one-half strength, and apply this once a month. The other way is to dilute a soluble fertilizer to one-tenth the recommended strength and use it every time you water. It is very easy to overfeed and "burn" these plants so don't get too generous at feeding time.

Next week, I will continue this tale on these lovely plants and talk about potting, pests and diseases and tell you more about some of the types available in our area. KEEP SMILING! JMC

Kiwanis...

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Worcester Polytech, University of Rochester, Tufts, Bowsoin, Vassar, U.C.L.A., Brandeis, Rhode Island College, Northeastern University, Columbia College, Merrimack, Carnegie-Mellon University and various junior colleges, technical-vocational, and nursing schools.

Funds for these scholarships come from voluntary contributions made by individual Kiwanis members in the New England District of Kiwanis International.

Kiwanis will award twenty-seven \$750.00 scholarships, one for each of the 27 Divisions of the New England District of Kiwanis Inter-

national, Inc.

In addition to the New England District Scholarships, scholarship chairman Dave Rockwell announced that the local club will award a \$200.00 scholarship to a senior at West Springfield High School and a senior at Agawam High School. The winner at each high school will also be entered in the local Division II Scholarship contest, the winner of which will receive another \$750.00.



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Southwick Hockey
Association Dance
Brass Rail, Point Grove
Rd., Southwick
8 p.m. - 12 midnite |
| February 14, 1979
Rock 'n Roll for
Heart Fund
Heritage Hall Nursing
Home, Agawam | February 17, 1979
Valentine's Day Dance
Holy Name Society of St.
Anthony's Church,
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Church Hall
7:30 p.m. |
| February 14, 1979
Agawam Congregational
Church Ladies Aid Society
Dessert Card Party
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Fifties-Sixties Dance
Southwick Volunteers
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Sports



The St. John's 10-12 basketball team (Agawam A.A.) is pictured above. Front row, left to right: Todd Jennison, Donald Lancour, Mike Sardella and Glen Bailey. Second row, same order: Carl Fancy, Kevin O'Keefe, and Mike Beaudette. Third row, Coach Jim Mahoney, Jeff Losito, Mike Mahoney, and Jimmy Mahoney.

St. John's Streaks Past Westbank

They played with the same fire and relentless intensity which has made them the most explosive team in boys 10-12 basketball, and for the third time this season, they eclipsed the sixty point mark. Final... St. John's 62, Westbank 39.

"They're a fine ballclub. I'll give them their full due," Westbank coach Bill Connor said after watching his squad reel under a devastating second half siege.

Jim Mahoney, the St. John pilot, called the win "just another example of our overall team play." "We believe in a team concept and that's what has carried us to this point," he added.

this point," he added.

The plateau Mahoney is referring to is a perfect 6-0 record and a virtual lock on the league's National Division. The loss dropped Westbank two full games behind American front-runner, Agawam Construction, who also boast a perfect mark of six wins. A battle of the 10-12 unbeaten is on tap Saturday, February 17th at the high school.

Guard Donny Lancour fired three straight field goals to stake St. John's to a 6-2 lead early in the first quarter. But Westbank outscored the blue clad squad sponsored by St. John's Church 10-4 in the remainder of opening period activity. Westbank's Doug Baily and Brian Connor led the Westbank spurt.

Westbank's fastbreak

quickly provided an 18-12 margin during second period action and some folks in the gallery were speaking of a possible upset. But enter St. John forward Mike Beaudette.

The speedy forward flashed for 10 points midway through the session on a variety of short jumpers and fast break layups. Mike Losito, the league's most dominant big man began crashing the boards with authority chipping in three hoops.

By the halftime buzzer St. John's had outscored Westbank in a 16-2 flurry, engineering a 32-24 lead. Yet the blue tide had just begun.

"I told the kids at halftime to start running. I wanted to wear them down in the second half," Mahoney explained. And run they did.

The power rebounding of Losito and Mike Mahoney got the national Division's best out of the gate in an explosive streak. Lancour and fellow backcourter Mike Sardella quickly moved the ball upcourt before Westbank could organize. Losito had 8 points in the period mostly of the offensive rebound variety extending St. John's gap to 48-34 at the quarter's end.

The outlook remained bleak for Westbank in the final 10 minutes. St. John's superior board strength and quickness, added with a sound bench refused to give Westbank a moments rest.

"I try to use the bench as much as possible, Mahoney

said. "It makes the kids more confident in key situations and it also wears the other team down."

As is customary, Losito led all point getters with 24 points. Beaudette canned 18 while forward Mike Mahoney had 8 but grabbed a bushel of balls off the iron. Baily proved to be the most effective Westbank weapon in 16 point column.

"They play excellent basketball," Connor praised. They have strong people at every position. The fast break of theirs is a real key to their success."

Mahoney calls next week's clash with Agawam Construction the toughest assignment his squad has drawn yet. "I think we have the edge overall. They are a little bigger and stronger but we are quicker and have more agility around the basket. It should be a fine ballgame."

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The Agawam Flyers, 10-12 B Hockey team are pictured above with coach Rich Hill, upper left, and Dave Quaglini, assistant coach, upper right. The boys in front row are, from left: Russ Stetson, Ron Augusti, Andrew Conway, Shawn Mercure, Greg Daniels, Mark Petrucci, and Ray Bronner. Back row, same order: Hill, Ron Benoit, John Bashonski, Craig Quaglini, John Farrell, Larry Manning, Dave Mahoney, Brian Murphy, Jeff Hill, Tom Beaulieu, and Quaglini.

Agawam Flyers. In Tight Race

The Agawam Flyers 10-12 B team is holding its own with a 5-3-4 record to date.

In a very tight race, the team had an exciting weekend over February 3 and 4. On Saturday, they pulled out a 1-1 tie against Holy Cross. Ray Bronner tied the game up with 52 seconds remaining. Dave Mahoney had an excellent assist on that goal.

Sunday's game was a

typical agawam-WestSide rivalry with Agawam putting the scrappy team down 5-1. Goals in that game were scored by Craig Quaglini and Jeff Hill, with John Bashonski getting his first hat trick of the year.

The defense, consisting of Russ Stetson, Larry Manning, Ron Benoit, Greg Daniels, and Ron Augusti, held West Side to one goal. John Farrell, Andy

Conway, Mark Petrucci, Brian Murphy, and Tom Beaulieu continuously gave West Side something to think about with numerous shots on net.

Shawn Mercure, with a 2-plus goals average, has continued to be a stopper for the Flyers this year.

The Flyers are coached this year by Richie Hill and Dave Quaglini.

Jr. High Girls Undeafeated

The Agawam Junior High girls basketball team maintained their undefeated status in two games last week.

The Agawam girls defeated Amherst 45-11 in the first game of the week. Patty Niemiec and Maria Kosloski were high scorers for the game, each grabbing 9 points.

In the second game of the week, Agawam defeated Palmer 36-12. Again Patty Niemiec came out as high scorer.

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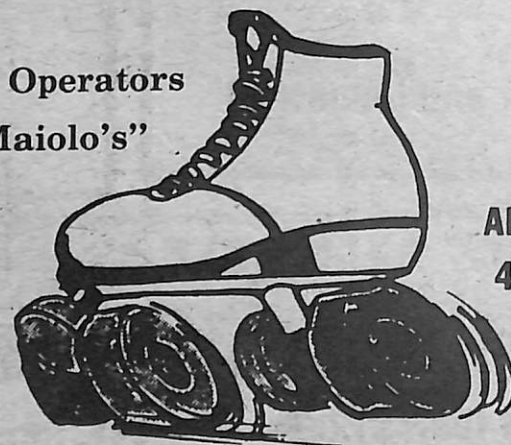
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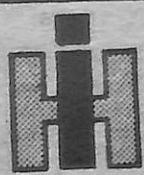
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Skaters Clip Bombers Wings

No matter what transpires in the next two weeks for the Agawam Brownies, one has to admit they certainly have made things interesting around the Berry Division circuit this season.

The locals made short work of the lowly Bombers of Westfield by a 7-2 margin Thursday, February 8, setting up a crucial stretch drive for playoff recognition.

It boils down to this. With four games remaining, Bill Sapelli's crew sit in sixth place behind Cathedral, Holyoke, West Side, Classical and Chicopee. A victory string could place Agawam on solid ground once the wild scramble for post season play is completed. A single setback will probably send them packing.

"We have to win the next four games. There's just no way around it," related second year coach Bill Sapelli. If we do lose then our only hope is that everyone else loses also."

As is customary, the Brownie siege cannon were in full operation. Winger Vin Masse led the offense with a hat trick while senior Jim Dowe chipped in a goal and two assists. Gary Malanson, Dowe's fast skating linemate, had a pair of net benders to further aid the winning cause.

Masse began Westfield's

road to ruin on a quick wrist shot past beleaguered goalie Paul Munoff. Sophomore Jim Shea set up Masse all alone at point blank range.

Masse pushed AGawam into a 2-0 advantage late in the opening stanza when he flipped home a Shea rebound that bounced near the crease. Bobby LaViolette also assisted on Masse's second score.

The Brownies poured in 17 shots at Mundorf during first period play while Kevin Murphy, Agawam's senior netminder slept soundly at the other end. Murphy, fighting a bout with the flu faced just 3 meager Bomber attempts.

Murphy had to be on his toes in the second fifteen minutes as the Bombers decided to apply some heat of their own. Although it was the home towners who lit the lamp twice in the period, the Agawam defense found themselves in a hockey game.

Dowe notched his 12th tally of the campaign at 6:31 when his flip shot fluttered like a wounded duck over Mundorf's shoulder after the smooth senior had accepted a pass from John Coucher.

Murphy made a superb stop off mark Monahan midway through the period. Westfield had been pressing action in the Brownie zone, when the defense could not

clear the zone.

Malanson managed to put his stick on a Bill Disisto slapper from the point at 13:43. The puck changed its path and trickled by a surprised Mundorf to lift Agawam's gap to 4-0.

Goals by Coucher, Malanson and Shea mopped up the Brownie victory in the final period while Westfield's Rick Monahan and Rick Benoit broke through the Murphy wall. Westfield returned to the comatose state they displayed in the first period despite two goals.

Sapelli put his stamp of approval on the Masse-Shea-LaViolette line who buzzed around the Bomber cage most of the contest. "That line always does a good job for us. They do very well."

Of course, the high scoring first line continued their high caliber style of play. Dowe's season statistics read 12 goals and 25 assists good for 37 points. Dowe has tabulated 91 points for his career as he approaches the elite 100 career point club.

Agawam played without the services of Alan Hardina who was lost indefinitely in a 6-4 loss to Chicopee Comp the previous night. Sophomore goalie Al Warren suffered a broken nose and concussion in the same affair. Sapelli is most concerned with an injury list that resembles a hospital ward.

"It's too bad we have had all these injuries this season. It has put an additional burden on our shoulders. Kevin (Murphy) should not have been in there tonight but he showed up because we really needed him," Sapelli noted.

A February 13 encounter against the high flying Minnechaug Falcons, the pride of the Fay Division. Division rival Chicopee follows February 15 then Easthampton February 19. Berry frontrunner Holyoke finalizes the regular season February 27. If the locals can escape without a slip, the Purple Knight battle could prove decisive to whether the Brownies open the gate to tournament competition.



The Agawam A.A. Girls 10-12 basketball team, sponsored by Liquori Brothers, is pictured above. Front row, from left: Lisa Laudato, Suzzane Stitzinger, Debbie Dalton, and Lena Kozloski. Second row, Barbara Walsh, Diane Goodman, Shelly Haynes. Third row, same order: Coaches Colleen Dalton and Henry Kozloski. Absent was Debbie Rosner.

Agawam Hoopsters Ride Rough Waters

Perhaps the most significant trademark Agawam basketball had worn since the New Year was ushered in can be seen in their steady rise of improvement after some early season poundings.

Last week against league rivals East Longmeadow and Ludlow, the Brownies seemingly have reversed this verical movement towards reaching respectability. The locals suffered from an acute case of "turnoveritis" a disease which proves fatal to the nice offensive rhythm Lou Conte's boys had shown in previous outings.

The East Longmeadow matchup Tuesday, February 6, began the Brownie illness. A total of 28 bad passes, traveling and three second violations handed the Spartans an embarrassing 60-45 rout. The game little resembled the one where a hard driving quintet blew out the East Longmeadowers in the final period for a ten point verdict, three weeks before. The turnovers completely disrupted the usual strong inside play of Abe Yacteen and Rick LeClerc.

The Spartans led 19-10 after first quarter play mainly on the strength of an early nine point chain before the Brownies could even get a shot off. A three point play by Yacteen brought Agawam to within 17-10 with two minutes

remaining. Spartan guard Dave Hedin stole a pass with 15 seconds left as the eighth local miscue gave the visitors a nine point bulge when Hedin dashed in for the uncontested layup.

A jumper by forward John Ferrero gave East Longmeadow a ten point advantage at 24-14 with just under a minute gone in period two. Suddenly, the Brownies began holding onto the ball and the deficit slowly receded.

A jumper by Yacteen followed by a pair of Pete Sardella swished from downtown gave Agawam some needed life at 28-24 late in the stanza. Rob Mills canned 2 free throws just before the intermission buzzer, to boost his mates to a six point lead.

When LeClerc muscled his way inside for a field goal right off the bat in period three, Brownie fans howled with delight. Cheers soon turned to moans. Agawam the Spartans reaped the rewards of the turnover.

Before the home towners knew what hit them, East Longmeadow had raced ahead 46-30. Jim Skiffington, Hedin and Mike Martino accounted for five combined steals during their spurt. The eight minutes ended with 8 consecutive Brownie turnovers and a 50-30 Spartan lead. Conte even tried a wholesale substitution with his bench which only further served the visitors cause.

Agawam outscored the Spartans 15-10 in the fourth stanza to keep things remotely respectable. East Longmeadow mentor Ed Modzelewski emptied his bench which no doubt allowed Agawam to pull within the

game's final count.

Martino led the attack with 17 points while Skiffington and Hedin both checked in 12 apiece. Yacteen had 12 and LeClerc 10 in the losing effort.

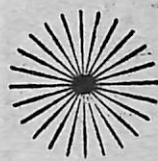
Over in Ludlow, the Lions certainly were not asleep this night. Having been shattered by 34 points January 12 at the Agawam gym, sharpshooter Steve Lavoie almost single handedly wrecked Agawam.

Despite a 54-48 defeat, Lavoie netted a game high 28 points from everywhere on the floor, including some releases that emanated in downtown Boston.

Lavoie had tallied all 28 points midway through the fourth quarter. This readily explains why Ludlow only trailed Agawam by a scant four points at 45-41. Conte had seen enough of Lavoie and blanketed him with a box-and-one defense. Tom Napolitan drew the tough assignment of covering Lavoie. The senior guard did a yeoman's job on the Lion's top scorer who failed to launch another missile in the last five minutes. Ludlow soon folded without Lavoie actively taking part in the offense.

It was Napolitan on offense who arrived just in the nick of time to foil the Lion's bid for an upset. Napolitan hit 9 second half points including 7 in the last 4 minutes. Napolitan finished with 13 for the evening. Backcourt mate Tommy Knight hit for 10, eight in second half activity.

Sixteen turnovers plagued the Brownies efforts although the Lions committed 5 errors late in period four that enabled the orange and brown to pull away.



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Agawam Wrestlers Record at 13-1

The Agawam High wrestling team topped Ludlow and Longmeadow recently, bringing their season record to 13-1.

At Ludlow on February 2, the Brownies captured 11 of 12 matches to defeat Ludlow 66-3.

Four pins - Gary Geiger (140), Jerry Mason (147), Ross Fogg (188), and Jay Barry (HW) - and 7 forfeits - Steve Squeglia (100), Bob Schwein (114), Frank Bonavita (121), Paul Zerbinopoulos (128), Tom Munley (134), Dan Guthrie (157), and Joe Pezzimenti (169) - combined to give Agawam an easy victory.

The grapplers continued their domination of the circle at Longmeadow on February 7th, winning 10 of 12 matches on their way to a 51-12 victory over the Lancers.

Steve Tetreault (100) set the points rolling in Agawam's direction with a 9-8 decision over his opponent. Steve Squeglia added six more

points with a win by forfeit. Steve Fields (114) and Frank Bonavita each won with first period pins. Fields upped his record to 12-1, while Bonavita is undefeated in 14 contests.

Paul Zerbinopoulos and Gary Geiger won by decisions. Zerb, who continues to improve with every match, scored a 4-2 victory, and Geiger shut out his opponent 5-0.

Four more first period pins by Jerry Mason, Dan Guthrie, Joe Pezzimenti, and Jay Barry completed Agawam's scoring. Mason pinned his man in :42, and Barry got the job done in :40.

Although only one more season meet remains, the wrestlers are continuing their hard training program in preparation for the Western Massachusetts Division I Wrestling Tournament at the Pittsfield Boys Club on February 16 and 17. We wish them well.



The 8-10 Agawam A.A. 'Feeding Hills Gasco' team is shown above with coaches John Long (top left) and Walt Poworski (top right). Front row, from left: Ted Leol, Mike Malinoski, Jeff Jeannotte, and Mike Trenholm. Second row: Mike LaRiviere, Rich Malinoski, and Brian Hyland. Third row, Steve Milliken, Leo Santinello.

Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba

I attended the meeting of the Board of Fisheries and Wildlife at Westboro where the main topic was the muzzleloader weapon.

A large group of muzzleloader enthusiasts were there, and they presented a very fine discussion and demonstration of the various guns. Flintlocks, percussion, and various adapter models were displayed and shot for the benefit of the board.

Somewhere between the first presentation of the petition for the season and the granting of the three days, a lot of important verbiage was deleted. This is the problem today. The board requested McCord to come before the next meeting of the board and present definitions that will tighten up the use of black powder weapons.

Scopes, primers, and powder and the defining of loading, along with the type of weapon and type of projectile are necessary before a sensible law can be written. The group in attendance was asked if they had any fault with the season as it now stands. I didn't hear one "no" from the crowd.

The intent of the season was to use primitive weapons for the hunting of deer. However, with the law being written so loosely, opportunists jumped on the band wagon and the H&R gun, Kelco weapon and adapters for single shot



shotguns were presented to the hunting public. A great deal of money has been made so far by the companies and individuals who used the law to their own advantage.

Chet used Franklin County for his basic projections and figures. I was amazed to learn that 50% of the deer harvested in that county during the 1978 muzzleloader season were killed with adapter guns. From these statistics, I would presume that if the adapter is allowed to be used, in the near future, a method of restricting the number of deer killed will have to be initiated. I abhor this for the reason that the original petitioners for the primitive weapon season will be penalized if a permit system is adopted.

I am inclined to go along with the primitive weapon and, possibly, the H&R gun. The other guns can be very easily converted from black powder to smokeless and back again within minutes. I dare say it has already been done. Reports from the field indicate so.

When Mr. McCord presents his case at the next meeting of the board, they will

Southwick Hockey

The Southwick 6-8 New England By-Products lost a rough game to Longmeadow 6-0 over the February 3-4 weekend.

The Southwick Police 8-10 team lost to 16 Acres 3-2 in a battle right down to the last second. Goals were scored by Patrick McDonnell and Andre Chabot, with assists going to Scott Gentry and Russell Sabadosa.

The Police also played to a 1-1 tie with East Longmeadow. The lone goal was scored by Patrick McDonnell, both games were well played and very exciting.

The 10-12 Firemen fought a hard battle with Holy Cross, but ended up losing 3-2.

The 12-14 Chuck Steak House team split their games over that weekend. They beat West Springfield in a hard-hitting game 2-1, but they lost to Wilbraham 7-0.

decide to accept or reject his provisions. If they do, then a public hearing will be held.

February 17 and 18, the East Coast 4X4 ice races, Saturday drags and Sunday obstacle will be held at Sacandaga Lake, Vandenburg Point, Mayfield, New York. These are the events usually held at Lake George every year.

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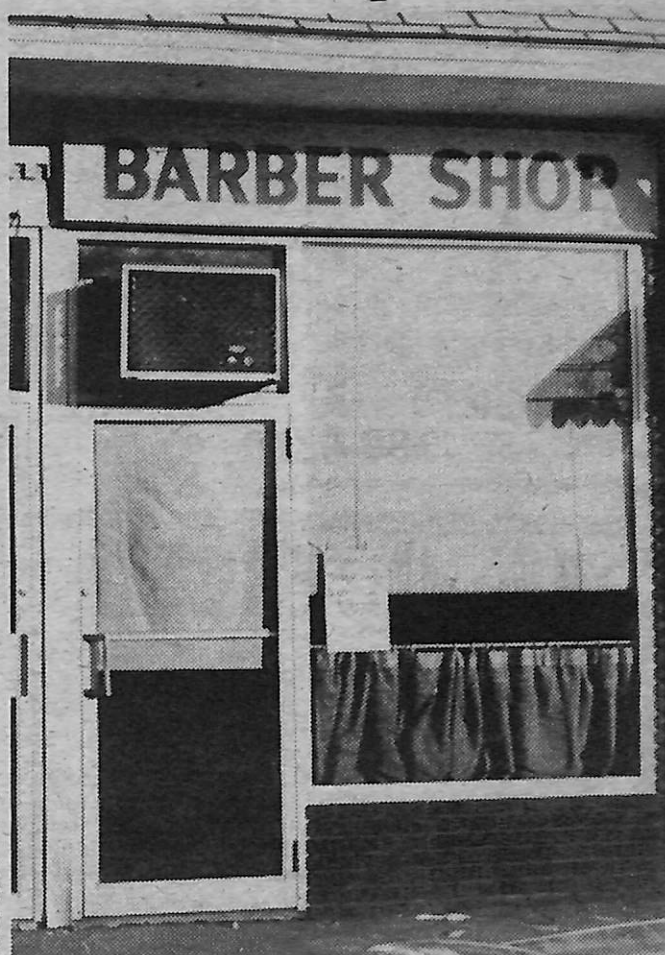
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C. William Crain, Buxton President

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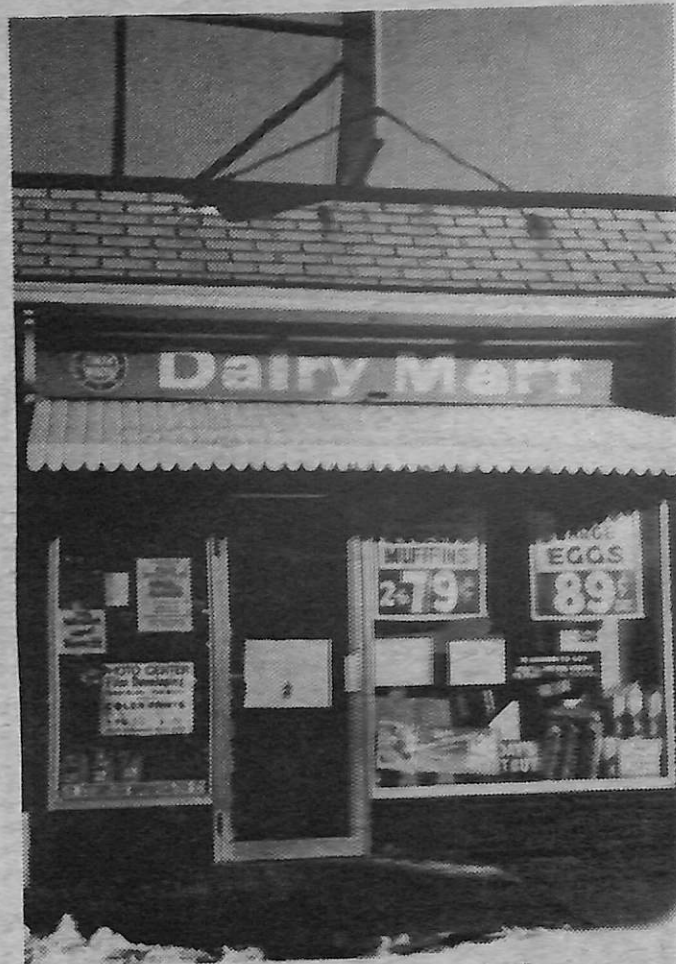
A native of Illinois, Bill

Crain earned his BA degree from Duke University, where he majored in Business Administration and Economics. He received his MBA degree from Stanford University in 1965 and, since then, has held a number of executive posts in marketing and finance.

Now living in the New York area, Bill will soon relocate to the Springfield area with his wife Sharon and three children.

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